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VIA HAND DELIVERY

David Waddell, Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37238

Re: Status Report - Third Party Bill Block

Dear Mr. Waddell:

As requested by the Authority during the May 9, 2000 regularly-scheduled Directors' Conference, BellSouth is providing this status report with respect to Third Party Bill Block. The initial project planning is complete for all programming requirements of the Bill Block functionality. Detailed planning and analysis was completed on May 1, 2000. Detailed system design work for the main systems requirements is at completion or nearing completion. Program coding is starting, and is scheduled for completion by the end of July and system testing for Bill Block is anticipated for completion by mid- to late-August.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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